**MAKING CONNECTIONS**

Strategic reading allows students to monitor their own thinking and make connections between texts and their own experiences. Students who make connections while reading are better able to understand the text they are reading. It is important for students to draw on their prior knowledge and experiences to connect with the text. Students are thinking when they are connecting, which makes them more engaged in the reading experience.

**TEXT TO SELF**

* + What does this story remind you of?
  + Can you relate to the characters in the story?
  + Does anything in this story remind you of anything in your own life?

**TEXT TO TEXT**

* + What does this remind you of in another book you have read?
  + How is this text similar to other things you have read?

**TEXT TO WORLD**

* + What does this remind you of in the real world?
  + How are events in this story similar to things that happen in the real world?